



# INTERNATIONAL AGENDA

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## Independence Celebration

The Brazilian Area Chamber of Commerce will host a gala dinner to celebrate the Independence of Brazil on September 3 at 7:00p.m. at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables. Consul General Luiz Benedini of Brazil will be among the hosts that will present the annual Robert E. Potter study grants to the University of Miami, Florida International University, and Miami Dade Community College. These grants are given to support the Brazilian Studies Program at each university.

## Yugoslavia Update

The Yugoslav Chamber of Commerce in Orlando invites you to participate in the First Annual Conference for the Republic of Yugoslavia on October 21-22 in Orlando. Guest speakers will be Nikola Sainovic, Vice Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, and Borislav Vukovic, Yugoslavian Minister of Trade. For more information contact the Yugoslav Chamber of Commerce at (407) 426-7005.

## Public Notice

The U.S. Department of State has issued a "worldwide caution" notice for travelers and those living abroad at: <http://travel.state.gov>.

## International Gala

The Metro Orlando International Affairs Commission and Mayor Glenda Hood will be hosting the first International Gala on Friday, September 25, at the Peabody Hotel on International Drive.

The event begins at 7:30p.m. and will feature culture, entertainment, and food from around the world. International organizations representing every continent will join together to recognize Orlando's growth as a global community, and enjoy entertainment provided by Walt Disney World's EPCOT Center.

Orange County Chairman Linda Chapin will be honored for her leadership and contributions to Central Florida's international community. Tickets are \$75 per person. For more information contact (407) 422-7159.

## Business Expo '98

The Beacon Council of Miami will be hosting their Annual Breakfast Meeting on September 23 at the Radisson Centre on 777 N.W. 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in Miami. The breakfast will be followed by the Business Expo '98, which will feature helpful workshops and exhibits on providing assistance to local businesses in their international expansion efforts. For more information contact the Beacon Council at (305) 579-1300.

## New Possibilities with Cuba

The Center for Strategic Governance and International Initiatives of the Florida Coastal School of Law and the Marketing Development Commission of the City of Jacksonville will host an international symposium titled Cuba: The New Realities. The symposium will be held October 15-16 on the campus of the Florida Coastal School of Law, 7555 Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville. The early registration fee is \$275 and must be paid before September 20. After September 20, the fee will be \$375. For more information contact former Jacksonville City Council President Eric Smith at (904) 680-7650 or (904) 680-7705.

## Delegation Takes to the Air

The British Consulate in Florida recently announced that a delegation of Florida state officials and business representatives will be visiting the Farnborough International Air Show in England September 8-16. The purpose of the mission is to market Florida's aviation, aerospace, and microchip industries and to create linkages and business opportunities for Florida companies. For further information on the mission and the air show, contact Silvia Visconti with Enterprise Florida at (305) 569-2670.